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Rome, Sept. 28. *N. S.*

LAst night died Pope *Innocent* the Twelfth, in the 86th Year of his Age. He was of a Noble Family in the Kingdom of *Naples*, was created Cardinal in the Year 1681. by *Innocent* the Eleventh; in consideration of which he took the same Name, and was elected Pope the 12th of *July*, 1691. The Cardinals in two or three days will proceed, according to Custom, to the Choice of a General of the Church, which 'tis believed will fall upon Cardinal *Ottoboni*; They likewise are to choose a Governor of the Conclave, which will be opened in nine or ten days. There are several Factions formed among the Cardinals, the most considerable of which seems to be that of the Cardinals who call themselves the Zealots; 'Tis said, they design to set up Cardinal *Acciaioli*, or Cardinal *Panciatici*, and to do all they can to hasten the Election. The Cardinal *de Bouillon* has taken Possession of the Office of Dean of the College of Cardinals, and in that Quality has signed the Letters which are writ in their Name to several Princes and States upon this occasion, except that to the Court of *France*; And when the *French* Ambassador does address himself to the College, the Cardinal *de Bouillon* intends to be absent on pretence of Indisposition, to avoid giving the Most Christian King any Offence.

Hamburgh, October 6. There are Advices from several Parts, that an Army of 30000 *Muscovites* were come within two miles of *Nerva* in *Livonia*, with a Resolution to Besiege it. At the same time Letters from the *Saxon* Camp say, the King of *Poland* has for the present laid aside his Design upon *Riga*, but had sent a Detachment of his Forces to attack *Cockenhuysen* belonging to the *Swedes*, and situated on the River *Duna*, and when that Action was over, his Forces would go into Winter Quarters. They write from *Sweden*, that the Transport of 10000 Men was ready at *Carelshaven*, and in all probability they are sailed before this time to *Livonia*; And the Discourse continues, that the King of *Sweden* intends to go thither to Command his Army in Person. The *Swedish* Forces in *Pomeren* have received Orders to be in a readiness to march; And they write from *Staden*, that Count *Guldensterne*, Governor of the Dutchy of *Bremen*, has ordered two Regiments of Horse to march to *Pomeren*, from whence 'tis said these Troops will be transported to *Livonia*. The Commissioners from the King of *Denmark* and the Duke of *Holstein* will begin their Conferences in few day, for adjusting the Business of the Customs demanded by the *Danes* at *Lyst* near *Tunderen*, and other Matters.

Paris, Octob. 13. *N. S.* Letters from *Madrid* of the 26th of the last Month gave an Account, that the King of *Spain* was very ill; and those of the 30th brought Advice, that His Catholick Majesty was in so dangerous a Condition, that he had received the Extream Unction. Yesterday, about 5 in the afternoon, a Courier arrived at *Fontainbleau*, and 'twas reported he brought News of the King of *Spain*'s Death; but this was contradicted by another Express, who arrived at *Fontainbleau* about 10 a Clock last night, and brought an Account that the King of *Spain* was better. Orders are given for adding 10 Men to each Company of Foot, which new Addition will in all amount to about 26000 Men, and when these Levies are compleat, there is a talk of adding 5 Men to each Troop. 'Tis said, the Count *de Tesse* will in few days be sent from this Court to *Turin*. A Courier dispatched by the Prince of *Monaco*, the *French* Ambassador at the Court of *Rome*, arrived at *Fontainbleau* the 6th Instant with an Account, that Pope *Innocent* the Twelfth, after a Sickness of two Months, died the 27th past, in the 86th Year of his Age, without declaring the two Cardinals he had reserved in Petto, or disposing of the two other vacant Caps; And the Cardinals were to go into the Conclave on the 7th Instant. Upon this News, Orders were immediately sent to the *French* Cardinals to hasten to *Rome*, and accordingly Cardinal *de Noailles* is gone from hence to *Antibes*, where two Galleys are ready to carry him and the Cardinal *Le Camus* to *Civita-Vecchia*; 'Tis believed, Cardinal *Bonzi*, who is at his Archbishoprick of *Narbonne*, will not be able, by reason of his great Age, to undertake this Journey. The King has made a Present to Cardinal *de Noailles* of 30000 Crowns towards his Expences on this occasion, and to Cardinal *Le Camus* he has given the usual Gratuity of 18000 Livers. The 8th Instant the Earl of *Manchester*, Ambassador Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, had Audience of the King at *Fontainbleau*